

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

September 11, 1952
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Drake presiding.

Roll Call:

Present: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Absent: None

Present also: W. E. Seaholm, City Manager; W. T. Williams, Jr., City Attorney; C. G. Levander, Director of Public Works.

Councilman Johnson moved that the Minutes of the previous meeting be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

MR. FRANK MONTGOMERY, Executive Secretary, Austin Real Estate Board, stated that the week of September 15-21 was NATIONAL HOME WEEK. Also, Wednesday, September 17 is Constitution Day, and the Austin Home Builders Association, Bankers Association and Real Estate Board are having a joint meeting in observance of this event. He invited the Council to attend the meeting at 7:30, Austin Hotel, Wednesday.

MR. ED CLARK appeared regarding the motion for rehearing which the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company filed with the Council on August 30th, and stated they were offering no new evidence, but were relying upon the transcript, or the evidence presented at the formal hearing. He stated the Council had available to it copies of that transcript, and he wanted to reintroduce that instrument to the attention of the Council and say that is their support of their motion for

rehearing in this case. Councilman MacCorkle believed by next week the Company could be given a definite answer; and he thought if they did grant a rehearing a definite date should be set; and if additional information was to be required, it should be asked for. The Mayor stated he would be ready by next Thursday to give his answer. MR. CLARK stated he had hoped to have a definite answer by today, and asked if the matter could be set for next Thursday or next Wednesday. MR. M. J. WILLIAMS, Assistant General Manager of the Telephone Company of Texas, Dallas, saw no justification for any further delay, and asked that action be taken today if possible; if not, any delay beyond next Thursday would not be justified under any consideration. The Mayor stated the Council could not act on it this morning.

Councilman Long submitted a letter from WILLIAM HORTON, Route 1, Manor, Texas, regarding telephone service out of the Austin Area. This letter was filed with Mr. Clark.

MR. J. C. LANKFORD, Govalle Civic League, asked that the Council help in establishing a signal light at Springdale Road and the Railroad crossing. The Missouri Pacific had signal lights at every crossing on the north side and west side of town where there were no underpasses, whereas out this way there was not a single signal light. Councilman Long moved that the City Manager be instructed to confer with the Safety Department and have the Railroads put stop signals wherever they are needed in East Austin along the railroad track, paying particular attention to Springdale Road. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman White inquired of Mr. Lankford if the ditch in Govalle had been cleaned out to their satisfaction, and he noted there were some culverts that were inadequate to carry the water. Mr. Lankford replied that the ditch at Springdale Road had been fixed, and the City had sprayed where the water had backed up, and opened it up where the water could get out. He had had no further complaints on the area above, and was unable to say what had been done. Councilman White asked the City Manager about the plans on enlarging the culverts in that area. The City Manager replied it was quite a program and a very expensive one, which was being approached by degrees.

MR. JACK SWENSON and MR. BILL WHITE, representing the Austin Junior Chamber of Commerce, appeared in the interest of Civil Defense, and presented a resolution adopted by the Jaycees. MR. JAY MATTHEWS asked the Council to appoint a Director, and pointed out his reasons.

Councilman Long asked the City Manager to request Mr. McClain to make a study to see if there was a need for additional taxi-cab stands at the Continental Bus Station; that there were two stands in front of the Greyhound Station, but no stands at this location.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC UPON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF SAME; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY", WHICH ORDINANCE WAS PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, MAY 6, 1937, AND IS RECORDED IN BOOK "K", PAGES 159-179, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 69 MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR PEDESTRIANS TO LINGER, LOITER, OR REMAIN UPON ANY ROADWAY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time, and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR AND ORDERING THE PAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN STREETS OR PORTIONS THEREOF IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, APPROVING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH WORK, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, DIRECTING THE PREPARATION OF ESTIMATES, INVOKING THE PROCEDURE PROVIDED BY ARTICLE XXIV OF THE CITY CHARTER AND CHAPTER 106 OF THE ACTS OF THE FIRST CALLED SESSION OF THE 40th LEGISLATURE OF TEXAS, DETERMINING THAT

A PART OF THE COSTS SHALL BE BORNE BY THE CITY AND THAT A PART SHALL BE BORNE BY THE ADJUTING PROPERTIES AND THE OWNERS THEREOF, PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PORTION OF THE COSTS TO BE BORNE BY PROPERTY OWNERS, AND FOR THE FIXING OF A LIEN TO SECURE PAYMENT OF SUCH ASSESSMENTS, STATING THE TIME AND MANNER PROPOSED FOR PAYMENT OF ALL SUCH COSTS, DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO CAUSE A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS ORDINANCE TO BE FILED IN THE MORTGAGE OR DEED OF TRUST RECORDS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY," SUCH ORDINANCE BEING DATED JUNE 19, 1952, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "R", AT PAGES 430 to 433 OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN; BY ADDING CERTAIN LANGUAGE TO SECTION 1 THEREOF AND BY DELETING CERTAIN LANGUAGE FROM SECTION 2 THEREOF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman MacCorkle moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

Mayor Drake introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF A PORTION OF KOENIG LANE AS PROPOSED IN THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED ON JUNE 19, 1952, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "R", AT PAGES 430 to 433; ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO AMEND THE PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUCH PORTION OF SUCH STREET BY OMITTING SIDEWALKS THEREFROM AND FURTHER ORDERING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO PREPARE AMENDED ESTIMATES OF THE COSTS OF SUCH IMPROVEMENTS UNDER THE AMENDED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS; CLOSING THE HEARING WHICH WAS OPENED ON THE 7th DAY OF AUGUST, 1952; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ITS PASSAGE.

The ordinance was read the first time, and Councilman Johnson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Johnson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Johnson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: Councilman Long

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Exposition Boulevard and Westover Road which property fronts 103.79 feet on Exposition Boulevard and 80.54 feet on Westover Road and being known as Lots 34 and 35, Block 4 of the Herman Brown Addition in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said Humble Oil and Refining Company to construct, maintain, and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans; and the Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper police, Traffic And Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if, after hearing, it is found by the City Council that the said Humble Oil and Refining Company has failed and refused, and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"September 11, 1952

"Mr. Walter Seaholm
City Manager
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We the undersigned, have considered the application of the Humble Oil and Refining Company acting by and through W. L. Kindle, District Manager, for permission to construct, maintain and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in connection therewith upon the property located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Exposition Boulevard and Westover Road which property fronts 103.79 feet on Exposition Boulevard and 80.54 feet on Westover Road and being known as Lots 34 and 35, Block 4 of the Herman Brown Addition in the City of Austin, Travis County,

Texas, and the property upon which this filling station is to be located is owned by the Humble Oil and Refining Company and we hereby advise that the following conditions exist:

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as "C" Commercial Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"There are no storm water drainage facilities in place adjacent to this property. The storm sewer and surface drainage from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such water and other surface drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street.

"We recommend that the Humble Oil and Refining Company be granted permission to construct, maintain and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith, subject to the following conditions:

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line, correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways, building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accord with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the City Streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2-H-146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2-H-1116.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan hereto attached marked 2-H-1116 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a

Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted,
C. G. Levander
Director of Public Works

(Sgd) J. C. Eckert
Building Inspector"

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Mayor Drake brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF
CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL
TERRITORY CONSISTING OF A TRACT OF LAND OUT OF
THE GEORGE W. DAVIS SURVEY, IN TRAVIS COUNTY,
TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES
ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN THE PARTICULARS
STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that
the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White,
carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Southern Union Gas Company has presented to the City Council
tentative maps or plans showing the proposed construction of its gas mains in
the streets in the City of Austin hereafter named, and said maps or plans have
been considered by the City Council; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT Southern Union Gas Company be and the same is hereby permitted to
lay and construct its gas mains in and upon the following streets:

- (1) A gas main in WEST 55TH STREET, from a point 457
feet west of Chesterfield Avenue westerly 87 feet, the
centerline of which gas main shall be 7.5 feet south of
and parallel to the north property line of said WEST
55TH STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not
less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(2) A gas main in HASKELL STREET, from a point 522 feet east of Canadian Street easterly 41 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 20 feet south of and parallel to the north property line of said HASKELL STREET.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

(3) A gas main in WAYSIDE DRIVE, from a point 180 feet south of West 12th Street southerly 215 feet, the centerline of which gas main shall be 6 feet west of and parallel to the east property line of said WAYSIDE DRIVE.

Said gas main described above shall have a cover of not less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Southern Union Gas Company is hereby put upon notice that the City of Austin does not guarantee that the space assigned above is clear from other underground utilities, but is based upon the best records we have at hand, and that the minimum depth stated does not have any reference to the fact that greater depths may not be required at special points. When the Southern Union Gas Company requires definite information upon the ground as to elevations or working points from which to base the location of their assignments, they shall apply to the Department of Public Works not less than three (3) days before such information is required. The Southern Union Gas Company is further put upon notice that they will be required to bear the expense of repairs or replacement of any underground utility damaged during the construction of lines named in this resolution.

AND THAT whenever pavement is cut in the vicinity of a fire plug, water must be used at intervals during the course of backfilling of the ditches.

THAT the work and laying of said gas mains, including the excavation in the streets, and the restoration and maintenance of said streets after said mains have been laid shall be under the supervision and direction of the City Manager, and under all the pertinent terms and conditions of the certain franchises granted to said company by the City of Austin.

The motion, seconded by Councilman MacCorkle, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The City Manager submitted the following certificate from the City Tax Assessor and Collector:

TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL:

I certify that the tax assessments for the property hereinafter described in the name of H. M. Reed is incorrect for the following reasons:

The assessments involved were apparently based upon the assumption that the property was in the same condition in the years 1945 and 1946 that it was in the year of 1944 because the valuation for said years are the same. As a matter of fact, the improvements upon said property were substantially damaged

by the explosion in 1944 which rendered the residence upon said property unfit for occupancy. While the residence was vacant the value of the improvements upon said land was further reduced by vandalism. In 1947 the assessed value of said improvements was reduced from \$5,445.00 to \$2,380. The value of the property in 1945 and 1946 was substantially the same as the value of said property in the year of 1947.

I recommend that I be authorized to reduce the assessed valuation of such property as follows:

YEAR	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY					ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE	RECOMMENDED VALUE
	LOT	BLOCK	OUTLOT	DIV	PLAT		
Improvements:							
1945	3.867	Acres	15	C	83	5445	2380
1946	"	"	"	"	"	5445	2380

(Sgd) T. B. Marshall
City Tax Assessor & Collector

Councilman White then offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, the City Tax Assessor and Collector has made a special investigation of the tax assessments hereinafter set forth and has found the same to be erroneous for the reasons stated in his certificate delivered to the City Council and filed with the City Clerk, and

WHEREAS, in such certificate the City Tax Assessor and Collector has recommended the adjustments, Now, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the following tax assessments for the years shown be, and the same are, hereby adjusted and corrected to fix the assessed values therein as indicated.

YEAR	DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY						ORIGINAL ASSESSED VALUE	RECOMMENDED VALUE
	LOT	BLOCK	OUTLOT	DIV	PLAT	ITEM		
Improvements:								
1945	3.867	Acres	15	C	83	77	5445	2380
1946	"	"	"	"	"	"	5445	2380

(Located at 602 East 43rd Street)

And the City Tax Assessor and Collector is authorized and directed to make such change in the tax rolls.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Johnson, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The application for a rest home at 311 East 14th Street by J. A. McCUTCHEON was considered. Opposition was expressed by attorneys and individuals to this location on the grounds the place was run-down and unsuitable for a home of this type, and that such a home would be detrimental to the value of their property. Councilman MacCorkle asked Dr. Primer if rules and regulations and inspections should not be set out to see if these homes were conducted as they should be; and if there should be some special zoning to meet these problems. Dr. Primer outlined the ordinance and state statute under which the Department was working, and stated the Department was in a program of improving these homes, having meetings with the Operators, working with the Hospital and Welfare Department, etc. He stated there was a need of more homes. He felt the homes should be located as they are provided for in Residence "B" zoning, and he thought the opposition was not familiar with the operations. Councilman Long asked for a list of these rest homes so she could visit them. The Mayor suggested also that the Council be furnished a copy of the ordinance and his recommendation. After discussion Councilman MacCorkle moved that the application of MR. J. A. McCUTCHEON for a rest home at 311 East 14th Street be denied. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

The Council asked that copies of the following ordinances be furnished each member before the ordinances were introduced:

Ordinance clarifying the control and maintenance of certain streets in the University of Texas Campus. Map also to be furnished.

Amendment to the Taxicab Ordinance covering identification plates.

Ordinance amending Traffic Code covering installation of stop sign locations.

Ordinance covering "walk" and "wait" signals and traffic lights.

Ordinance amending the Policemen and Firemen Classification Ordinance.

The Council received notice from the City Manager that the following applications for change of zoning had been referred to the Zoning Commission:

CECIL LEONARD WRIGHT & BEATRICE WRIGHT	5601-5611 Wild Street	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial
RICHARD G. AVENT	2401 Manor Road	From "A" Residence To "C" Commercial

The City Manager explained a situation with regard to the construction of the Colorado River Interceptor Sewer in the City Power Plant Grounds, and stated the City could do the work more economically.

Councilman MacCorkle offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, on August 26, 1952, bids were received on the construction of the Colorado River Interceptor Sewer in the City Power Plant Grounds, such project being known as Contract "V"; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 1952, the City Council accepted the bid of Karl B. Wagner, for the construction of such contract; and

WHEREAS it now appears that the bid of Karl B. Wagner was not based upon the specifications on which bids were requested, and Wagner understood his bid was on specifications as modified by his letter undertaking to eliminate the requirements thereof with regard to leakage; and

WHEREAS the performance of such work without meeting the requirements of said specifications would be unsatisfactory to the City, and Karl B. Wagner has indicated by letter to the City that he will not undertake the work in accordance with the requirements of the City; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN;

That the action taken by the City Council in accepting the bid of Karl B. Wagner for such work be and the same is hereby rescinded, and said bid is in all things rejected.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake

Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle made inquiry about the bridges on 8th and Waller Streets and Hancock and Shoal Creek. The City Manager stated either the design engineers of the City or outside engineers would do it, depending on the time element. He felt it would expedite the matter to get outside Engineers to design these two bridges, as they wanted to start work on them the early part of next year.

Councilman Long submitted a petition from E. A. BIDDY and others in the 5500, 5600 and 5700 blocks on Jeff Davis, and 1700 Houston asking for better water supply. Councilman Long stated there was water on the north and south of this area, but these people are on a small line. The City Manager stated he would check into this.

Councilman Long inquired about the letter from MRS. SULLIVAN, and asked that the City Manager make an investigation of her complaint. The City Manager stated the Mayor, Water Superintendent, Director of Public Works, and he had made an investigation. The Mayor wanted the members of the Council to make a personal

investigation during the next week, and then authorize him to answer Mrs. Sullivan's letter.

Councilman White had a complaint of water pressure inside the homes in an area between Duval and Speedway and 40th and 43rd Streets in that when one hydrant in the house was turned on, the pressure would be low when another was turned on. The City Manager stated this might be a local condition, if the pipes were old, and he would have a test made to see if the pressure was as it should be and if it is, then the customers would be advised that the trouble was in their lines. Councilman White listed the following locations to be checked:

H. D. Calloway,	4204 Avenue F
H. M. Graham,	4208 Avenue F
Adolph Koch,	4205 Avenue F
Donald Kuhn,	4205 Speedway
Raymond Bohls,	4207 Speedway

Councilman Long inquired about the purchase of the Water District. The City Manager stated the bond people were making progress in gathering up these bonds.

The Council received a report from the City Manager on the water condition caused by the private water line removal from East Avenue Expressway in Fiskville. The matter had been amicably worked out, and Travis County had assisted in the matter in cooperation with the Water Department.

Councilman Long moved that CAPTAIN JAY MATTHEWS be appointed as Civil Defense Director. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Johnson, Long, MacCorkle, White, Mayor Drake
Noes: None

Councilman MacCorkle inquired if the employees didn't spend a lot of time helping the subdividers lay out their subdivisions, and asked if it would not be better to throw the responsibility on the subdividers and get them to meet the requirements. He was interested in not tying up the staff more than necessary. The City Manager thought possibly at one time considerable time had been spent with the subdividers; but now, since the thoroughfares have been set out, most of the work pertains to the continuity of the streets and to proper drainage.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned, subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED

W. S. Driscoll
Mayor

ATTEST:

Elmer Mosley
City Clerk